

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R.§ 1.136

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Attention: Customer Service Center-**Initial Patent Examination Division** Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests a 1-month extension of time (to and including January 12, 2002) within which to file a response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2001. A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees which are due in connection with this document, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account No. 11-0553. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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